

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 is amended herein. Claims 12-16 and 21 are canceled. Support for the Amendment is found, for example, on page 10, lines 14 to 25 and pages 11 to 13. No new matter is presented. Entry of the Amendment after final rejection is proper since claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of dependent claims 12 and 21 and these claims are canceled, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, upon entry of the Amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1-11 and 13-20 will be all of the claims pending in the application.

**I. Response to Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Scott or Matsuki et al in view of EP 119933 and further in view of Christiani et al for the reasons of record.

Claims 12-16 and 21 are canceled herein, therefore the rejection as to these claims is moot.

Independent claim 1 is amended to recite a polyester resin composition comprising an inorganic filler, polyetherimide, and a polymer containing polyethylene naphthalate in a constituent unit thereof, wherein the inorganic filler is a swellable lamellar silicate organized by an organizing agent, wherein the organizing agent is an organo-onium ion selected from a group consisting of ammonium ion, phosphonium ion, and sulfonium ion.

None of the cited references disclose, teach or suggest the features of an inorganic filler, which is a swellable lamellar silicate organized by an organizing agent and wherein the organizing agent is an organo-onium ion selected from the group consisting of ammonium ion,

phosphonium ion and sulfonium ion. Therefore, the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the presently claimed invention. Claims 2-11 and 17-20 depend from claim 1 and are distinguished for at least the same reasons.


Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

## **II. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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